Imports of Cows from EEC Countries

2163. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the E.E.C. had recently taken a decision to cut down the output of milk and milk products is the E.E.C. countries;

(b) if so, whether a large number of high breed cows are likely to be rendered surplus in those countries as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to import a large number of such cows to the country for supply to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) There are reports that restrictions have been imposed and incentives withdrawn on higher milk production in European Economic Community countries. As a result the farmers try to decrease milk production and reduce the number of animals.

(c) Large-scale import of temperate dairy cattle in India is not desirable because they are highly susceptible to tropical diseases and have low heat tolerance. The conditions of feeding and management with most of the farmers in the country are also not conducive to their maintenance and economic production. Recently limited number of animals have been imported by Indian Dairy Corporation under Indo-FRG Bilateral Programme.

Fishing in the Coastal Waters of Orissa

2164. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of the 28th March, 1987 regarding fishing in the coastal waters of Orissa by the fishing trawlers of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to restrict the use of waters off Orissa by the trawlers from outside the State;

(c) whether Government also propose to ban joint venture fishing vessels off the coast of Orissa;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to see that over-fishing in the coastal waters does not lead to tension between the States over depleting fish catches; and

(e) what action is being initiated by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Orissa Marine Fishing Regulation Act 1982 and Rules framed under it in 1983, no restrictions have been imposed on trawlers from outside the State of Orissa for fishing beyond 10 K.Ms from the shore provided they register and obtain a valid licence to operate in the coastal waters of Orissa under the above Act and Rules.

(c) Fishing vessels under joint venture can operate only beyond the area demarcated for mechanised and non mechanised fishing vessels as per the Orissa Marine Fishing Regulation Act 1982 and Rules 1983. Therefore, banning operation of trawlers under joint venture off Orissa waters does not arise.

(d) and (e) According to Orissa Marine Fishing Regulation Act, area for non-mechanised, mechanised and large vessels have been demarcated. Steps have been taken by Orissa Government to purchase two speed boats and deploy the same for checking unauthorised fishing. The marine fish production in Orissa has been steadily increasing during the last 3 years which is not a sign of depletion.

Quality of Paneer Supplied to Delhi Markets

2165. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated demand of Paneer in Delhi per day;